

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 416

HOUSE BILL NO. 722

By Representatives Niceley, Campfield

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 988

By Senator Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-205, relative to the practice of naturopathy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-205, is amended by adding a new subsection (c) and by redesignating subsequent subsections accordingly:

(c)

(1) In no event shall naturopathy mean the sale of herbs or natural health information exchanges provided as a service so long as:

(A) The sale or provision of information exchanges is not conducted for the purpose of the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of any physical ailment or physical injury to or deformity of another; and

(B) In any instance involving natural health information exchanges, the seller obtains a signed acknowledgement from the buyer that the seller is neither a licensed practitioner of the healing arts in Tennessee, nor meets the recognized qualification criteria which would allow the provision of any form of diagnosis, treatment recommendation, or medical care in Tennessee. For the purposes of meeting the requirements of this section, the seller shall keep the signed acknowledgement from the buyer on file for a period of three (3) years.

(2) The provisions of this subsection (c) shall be repealed at midnight, June 30, 2012.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 2, 2009

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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of June 2009

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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR